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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 435 (1978) of 29 September 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Assistance Group for a period of up to twelve months, as well as Council resolutions 629 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and 632 (1989) of 16 February 1989,

Recalling its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989 on the financing of the Group and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 45/265 of 17 May 1991,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/555 and Corr.1.

2/ A/47/756.

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Group, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of the Group,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions in cash and in kind have been made to the Group,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group in full;

3. Takes note with appreciation of the financing by two Member States through voluntary contributions of the shortfall of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the repatriation of Namibians, and decides that the corresponding amount in the Special Account of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group shall be transferred to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund; 3/

4. Decides that 2,006,977 United States dollars, representing the unencumbered balance of appropriations (1,952,629 dollars) and the additional voluntary contributions in cash (54,348 dollars), in the Special Account of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group shall be credited to Member States;

5. Decides further to transfer any additional amount remaining in the Special Account of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group after liquidation of obligations owed to Member States to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund.

3/ See resolution 47/___ .